Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act &
Tennessee Student Information in Higher Education Act
Acknowledgement of Dependent Status

While the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. §1232) prohibits the release, to third parties (not inclusive of individuals with an educational need to know), of information contained in a student’s educational records without the express written consent of the student or of a guardian of whom the student is a dependent (excepting the notification of parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 in cases of alcohol and drug related violations, and victims in violence related incidents) the College complies with the Tennessee Student Information in Higher Education Act of 2005 in seeking to make student information readily available to students and parents to promote an educational partnership.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the fact that my student record information will be released to my parents unless I assert my status as independent and indicate that I am not being claimed as a dependent by my parents under the IRS Code. At this time I am not making such an assertion and I understand that this acknowledgement will be in full force and effect through the remainder of my academic career at the College unless removed as above indicated. In signing this document, I release Tusculum College, including its Board, officers, employees, and agents, of any responsibility for misappropriation of the information released.

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